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DIVISIONAL APPLICATION FILING TRANSMITTAL

Transmitted herewith for filing is a Divisional Patent Application of:

Applicant: Dinan et al.

For (Title): **SELF-ALIGNED VOID FILLING FOR MUSHROOMED PLATING**

ENCLOSURES

- ☒ 18 Page application including specification, claims and abstract;
- ☒ 6 sheets (Figs. 1-23) of ☐ informal/☒ formal drawings;
- ☒ A Declaration, Power of Attorney & Petition (☒ signed copy);
- ☒ A postcard for return to us as proof of receipt of the referenced documents.

and

- ☐ An Assignment of the invention with an assignment cover sheet;
- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status (Under 37 CFR 1.27);
- ☒ IDS (form PTO-1449) without copies of references;
- ☐ An Associate Power of Attorney;
- ☐ A certified copy of the priority document (Under 35 USC 119);
- ☐ A Power of Attorney by Assignee;
- ☐ Other: Preliminary Amendment.

TYPE OF FILING

- ☒ This application claims benefit of an earlier filed U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/496,070 filed February 1, 2000 (35 USC 120).
- ☐ This application claims benefit of the priority date of an earlier filed provisional patent application (35 USC 119).
- ☐ This is an application filed pursuant to 37 CFR 1.53, permitting receipt of a filing date upon filing of specification, claims and drawings, if required, with applicant being given a period of one month from the date of notice to file the fee and oath or declaration.
- ☒ In the event any parts of this application are missing, please treat this as a filing under 37 CFR 1.53 as defined just above.

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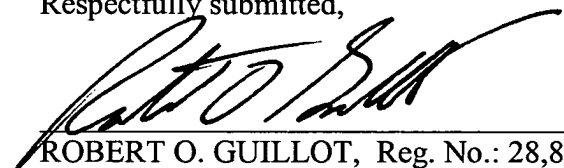
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